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REF: A) STATE 115232 B) ASMARA 0546 C) ADDIS ABABA 7868

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER AGAIN DISCUSSED SUBJECT CASE WITH ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES LIGHT AIRCRAFT MANAGER AYELE WODAJO. RESPONSES BELOW ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS RAISED REF F:

A. AMCONGEN ASMARA REPORTS INTERNATIONAL COMMERICAL CORPORATION IS SMALL IMPORT FIRM WHICH HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN NATIONALIZED.

B. EAL LIGHT AIRCRAFT DIVISION HAS MOVED INTO FORMER OFFICES OF AXUM AIR SERVICES, FORMERLY AMERICAN OWNED COMPANY WHICH WAS NATIONALIZED MAY 16. THIS DIVISION OF EAL IS MANAGING ALL LIGHT AIRCRAFT NATIONALIZED UNDER MAY DECREE.

C. EAL STATES THAT LIGHT AIRCRAFT DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELONG TO THEM. AIRCRAFT WERE NATIONALIZED BY ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND THUS BELONG TO GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN EAL. EAL OFFICIAL AYELE SAID EAL IS ACTING AS "CUSTODIAN" AND "MANAGER" ON GOVERNMENT BEHALF. THIS EAL MAINTAINS OBLIGATIONS BELONG TO GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN THE AIRLINE.

2. ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED ITS GENERAL POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED FIRMS OR POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSUMPTION OF OBLIGATIONS OF SUCH FIRMS. COMMITTEE IS REPORTEDLY

WORKING ON SUCH POLICY QUESTIONS ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR WHEN  
ANY DECISIONS MIGHT BE ANNOUNCED.

3. EMBASSY HAS SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY BASED  
ON REFS A, B, AND G. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES TO AF/E AND EX-IM  
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